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lots of postage because we have to mail out notice to all the persons who collect sales tax, that the sales tax rate is going to be changed. And it is astonishing to me how much those things cost. I'm hoping that the A bill is now on your screens, but we have a cost, \$159,100 from the General Fund, and we...and that's only part of the cost. We have a total of \$192,000 in gross. But we have to be able to administer...after the amendment, anyway, we'll have \$192,000. We have a need to administer the tax laws, and apparently there is a cost to doing so. So I hope you'll support the A bill. But there is an amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on...amendment to the A bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend with AM3633. (Legislative Journal page 1538.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open on your amendment to the A bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, this amendment increases the cost of the A bill by \$33,000. All of that extra cost is postage.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the amendment part. Senator Chambers, was your light on for the amendment to the A bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, colleagues, I feel a disturbance in the force. Some things happen and I can let them go without comment; other things happen and I think they're serious enough that I need to comment. I'm commenting as the one who's been around here longer than anybody else; one who is concerned about the process. I know that LB 1085 is a bill that must be handled one way or the other. But the next time I...if the Chair does not say advanced loud enough for me to hear it, I'm going to insist that we take a machine vote. And to ensure that such a thing doesn't happen again, I'm going to insist on a machine vote from now on until I decide not to do so. Too often we go along to get along, and by falling into that habit serious